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## Ushers' Banquet Given by Dr. and Mrs. Thurman

### Men Entertain Guests With Novel Program After Meal With St. Patrick's Theme

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thurman were hosts to the university ushers at their home on St. Patrick's Day, tendering the men a banquet.

The entire course of the evening was marked by the St. Patrick's Day theme. The table upon which the banquet was served was covered with a white cloth, upon which were the emerald clovers, the insignia of the sons of Erin. Napkins further carried out the motif.

The menu of the banquet included fruit cocktail, chicken, candied yams, artichokes, hot rolls, Waldorf salad ice cream, cake and a topper of ginger ale.

Following the meal, the guests adjourned to the living room and proceeded to carry out a short program. During the entertainment Lightfoot soloed on his banjo, Edwin Hamilton, who was also the acting master of ceremonies, read poems, as did Miller and Gordon. Solos were sung by Biram and Smith, while Washington and Jackson gave characterizations of an Italian hobo and a Jew selling a hat, respectively.

The Thurmans closed the gathering with remarks, after which the "Alma Mater" was carolled followed by the general exodus of the guests.

### Student Council Holds Weekly Assembly Hour

Yesterday at 11 o'clock the Student Council sponsored the weekly chapel period. The program was made up of a series of talks by representatives of the various major organizations of students on the campus.

Each of the representatives in turn outlined to the audience the programs of their organizations. The program was presided over by Walter Washington, president of the Student Council.

## Letter "H" Shape of New Men's Dormitory; Calls for Half Million

The contractors for the new dormitory for the men started construction during the middle of February. The plans were drawn by Robinson and Williams, and were approved by the university authorities. They call for the expenditure of half a million dollars on the spacious and modernly equipped building which when completed will be in the shape of a closed letter "H."

The front of the enclosure will be facing Fairmont Street, and will be one story in height, housing administrative offices and reception rooms. The East wing will be two stories, with a club room in the front, along with the suite of the director and a few students' rooms. This will be facing Sixth Street and will extend almost to Girard.

The West wing, extending almost to Girard Street like the East wing, will have in its front a dining room, followed by a club lunch room and a kitchen. The matron's suite is behind the kitchen. To the rear of the wing will be found the infirmary, housing approximately ten patients, while the remainder of the space



A view of a portion of the 485 guests, including trustees, administrative officers, faculty members, senior classes and alumni, being addressed by the Honorable Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, at the Charter Day Dinner, Howard University, March 2, 1938. At right, Secretary Ickes.

### International Club In Benefit Event

The Washington International Club sponsored a benefit St. Patrick's dance Saturday evening, March 19. The proceeds were used to augment the costume wardrobe of its folk dancing group. This group appears on exhibition programs in folk games and dances of the many nationalities of the members of the club, at present making particular preparation for the national folk festival to be held in the District in May.

The Saturday evening dance, featuring the music of a five-piece orchestra and special entertainment numbers, was semi-formal, and was held at the International Student House, 1708 New Hampshire Avenue, Northwest. Misses Nadia Zadolin, Barbara Hauenstein, Mary Burnett; Messrs. Dorotheo Vite and Herbert Wilson formed the committee in charge of the affair.

### Players Are Given Party Before Play

#### Ping-Pong, Refreshments, Classical Music, Cards Amuse Relaxing Actors

On Thursday, March 17, Gustav Auzenne, assistant treasurer of the university, entertained the cast of the last Howard Players' production, "A Murder Has Been Arranged," at his home on Park Road.

During the course of the evening's entertainment, the guests participated in stirring ping-pong games with the rise-and-fly set-up. Those not engaged turned their attention to card games, while the balance of those present delved into Mr. Auzenne's extensive library of classical records. Following a lavish outlay of refreshments, the guests left the downstairs recreation room, held an impromptu meeting of the players and listened to the complete rendition of Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony."

Among those present were Ada Deans, Helen Callis, Vivian Weaver, Mayme Brown, Carolyn Johnson, June Woods, Annabelle Jones, Lunabelle Wedlock, Albert Cherry, Joseph Martin, Edgar Felton, Oswald Monroe, William Randolph, Raymond Weir, Horace Randolph, Frederic Davison, Philip Butcher, Lawrence Whisonant. Messrs. James W. Butcher, Jr., director of the players, and William P. Robinson were faculty members in attendance.

### Four Debaters Pass Kappa Sigma Tests

The second semester tryouts for membership in the Kappa Sigma Debating Society were held Tuesday, March 15, at 7 p.m. Five aspirants braved the ill omens of the Ides of March to prove their forensic abilities. Accepted into the society were Walter Pride, James T. Wright, Jesse Duke and George Leighton. The judges were Messrs. William P. Robinson and J. Walter Fisher, of the departments of political science and history, respectively.

The society made plans to hold the initiation ceremonies for the new members on the occasion of the debate with Talladega College on March 19.

### Frazier Hall Houses Stylus Literalists

#### Committee Workers Named For Annual Publication; Spring Theme Chosen

The Stylus Society met in the reading room of Frazier Hall, Tuesday, March 15. The annual Spring competition, which is now going on, was the main topic of discussion. It was decided that although college life is the theme of the competition, material is not to be limited to this sphere.

Committees were appointed for the working out of the Stylus magazine, as follows: Dorothy Shae, chairman, editorial committee; William Richard, chairman, business committee; Mamie Phipps, Charlotte Kendrick, Evelyn Brandon and John Pinkard, members of editorial committee; Laura Anderson and Otto McLarrin, members of business committee.

The social part of the meeting comprised the reading of manuscripts by Stylus members. Verna Dozier read a satire, "Meet the Prof."; Elizabeth Walker presented a sketch, "So This Is College," concerning a football game at which two college girls were chatting about everything but football. John Pinkard read a futuristic sketch, "Flight 3,000," and William Richard presented "Goo," a sketch of Negro life showing violent extremes in the raw.

### "Pan-Annual" Plans Made by Musicians

Monday, March 1, the music society, Pi Alpha Nu, met in Room 205 in Douglass Hall. Robert Nolan, president, led a very interesting discussion of the recent performances of the glee club over the radio and of Lawrence Tibbett's recent concert at Constitution Hall.

Plans for a "Pan-Annual," to contain pictures and information about the students and faculty of the school of music, were presented. The idea has been received enthusiastically by the members of Pi Alpha Nu.

New members admitted to the society at the last initiation were Olive English, Lottie Smith, Julia Wheeler, Ada McKenzie, Clarence Jones, William Glover, Joseph Botts, Andrew White and Benjamin Smith.

### Second Year Class Called Together

#### Sophomores Listen to Head In Mid-Day Conference In Douglass Hall Room

The sophomore class of Howard University held a meeting Thursday, March 17, in the assembly room of Douglass Hall at 11 o'clock. The meeting was called to order five minutes later by the president, Myron Higgins.

The officers of the class were introduced to the class members. Miss Louise Taylor, a matron in Frazier Hall, urged the women of the sophomore class to write or tell their mothers of the annual mother-daughter service which is held annually on Mothers' Day, and to ask them to attend if possible.

Miss Waldean Stewart informed the class that there is a vacancy on the Student Council made by the resignation of Claude Oliver, one of the two representatives for the sophomores, and that nominations and elections would occur in the near future.

President Higgins then took up the business of the day. This involved a discussion of plans for a prom if in accordance with the wishes of the members of the class, the means and methods of advertising the same, and suitable orchestration.

A resolution was made and adopted that "the men of the class of '40 will not smoke in the corridors, and will remove their hats whenever in the building." All members of the class promised to back up the resolution.

### Historical Society Has Contest; Gives Prizes

On Tuesday, March 8, the Historical Society entertained its members by giving a second "Professor Quiz" program. There were three prizes to be awarded those contestants who answered the most questions. The winners during the course of the evening were La Marquise de Jarmon, first prize; Eva Cordice, second prize, and Lillie Vaden, third prize.

The members of the Historical Society have extended cordial invitations to the student body to come in and join them in their various activities.

## Youth Congress Is Sponsor of Campus Rally

### Rankin Memorial Chapel Is Scene of Gathering For Student Capitol Pilgrims

On Friday, March 11, the American Youth Congress sponsored an assembly in Rankin Chapel as part of its general program revolving around the youth pilgrimage to lobby on Congress for the passage of legislation which would result in the opening up of jobs and education for the depression-harassed youth of America.

The exercises in the chapel were the first of the series of open meetings which were held during the course of the pilgrimage. The evening found approximately five hundred students from twenty-three states crowded into the building.

Those who managed to get into the chapel were able to hear a series of very forceful speeches delivered by those on the program. Among the guest speakers were Congressmen H. Jerry Voorhes and Herman P. Koppelman, Professor Doxey A. Wilkerson of the department of education, William Hinckley, chairman of the American Youth Congress and Joseph P. Lash, secretary of the American Student Union.

Arthur Nothwood, president of the National Student Federation, and Walter Washington, president of the Student Council and regional director of the NSFA, made remarks, the latter including a word of welcome to the visiting delegates.

The program was presided over by John Yeldell, chairman of the Liberal Club.

On the following morning the actual pilgrimage to the capitol was made. The parade began at Sixteenth Street and Constitution Avenue, and proceeded to the capitol. In it, approximately four thousand students were grouped according to the state which they were representing, carrying banners calling for "Passage of the American Youth Act" and "Youth on the March for Jobs and Education."

Throughout the parade the marchers sang songs built up around the theme of the pilgrimage. On reaching the capitol plaza, the marchers moved up to the front of the House of Representatives. About twenty-five Howardites were among the marchers.

### Meeting of Spaniards Has Mexican Theme

#### President Leila Brown In Chair for El Circulo Espanol; New Members Introduced

Spanish rice, anchichilados, colorful flags and typical games and songs characterized the Mexican fiesta given by El Circulo Espanol in honor of its new members, Thursday, March 17.

The fiesta, held at the home of one of the members is one of a series of meetings, parties and other activities of El Circulo Espanol under the direction of Professor Corruthers, of the romance language department.

Leila Brown, president of the organization, welcomed the new members, who are selected on the basis of scholastic standing in Spanish. A novel program continuing the Mexican motif was presented.

New members of El Circulo Espanol are as follows: Mae Parks, Betty Thomas, Dorothy Walker, (Continued on page 3)





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### The ASU -- Support It!!

At the rally which the American Youth Congress sponsored in Rankin Chapel on the eve of the Youth March on the Capitol on March 12, there was a noticeable absence of Howardites.

It is very strange that persons who stand to benefit directly from the activities of the Youth Movement maintain a stoic silence when it comes their turn to speak up for their rights.

Students on the Hill must sooner or later come to the realization that theirs is a real problem, this business of job-locating after commencement. The only trouble seems to lie in the fact that it will probably be more nearly later than sooner before they recognize these facts as such.

### Scholastic Mortality -- Why?

Recently, there was released the list of men who had been dismissed from the university for poor scholarship. This list totaled forty-one male undergraduates of Howard University. The women's list was not released at the same time, and at press time, had not been seen.

According to the figures released by the university officials, there are approximately eleven to twelve hundred students in the College of Liberal Arts which is the largest division of the undergraduate school. In other words it is safe to say that nearly ten per cent of the students enrolled at Howard are being dismissed for poor scholarship, not counting the large group which is forced to drop out each term for financial reasons.

After all is said and done, though, there is something radically wrong in a set-up wherein such a large percentage of the enrollment is being given the "heave ho". The ramifications of the problem here at Howard are many and extended, but can probably be summed up after making a thorough analysis of the educational philosophy at Howard.

The student who applies for admission to the university is accepted if he is accredited with having pursued certain studies in an approved high school. The only definite stipulations are that the applicant shall have attained a certain moderate degree of success in these studies. Yet, when he reaches Howard, and has once paid his fees, the university then proceeds to demand of him that he measure up to certain standards.

It has been proven that the average student admitted to Howard is capable of doing mathematics only on the level of the seventh grade student. This, of course, would prohibit entrance as far as any of the true Grade A American universities are concerned. That student is, however, allowed to matriculate at Howard with such a deficiency. Yet, as soon as he has entered and paid his fees, and class work begins, the student finds that he is being measured by the same standards which govern the Grade A college.

Some persons might say that the university is no place in which to pamper the student. Still, they should remember that the trade involved is one of money for a chance at success. Certainly it would be foolish to play out a poor man's fortune to Howard University for a chance for suc-

cess when Howard is not even directing the individual student's path toward ultimate success.

Moreover, the powers-that-be here should remember that a regimented education, while being moderately suitable in the process of giving the students certain basic principles, can never be condoned as a means of preparing thousands of individuals for thousands of different occupations on the basis of thousands of different personalities.

The problem, is of course not one which is peculiar to Howard; it is found on every college campus in the United States. The major difference is that most of the first-class colleges are doing something about it, while Howard is letting the students go ahead and "flunk out."

Perhaps the lag here is due to the fact that none of the administrators or faculty members have ever given the situation any serious consideration. On the other hand, it may be due to the fact that too much opposition has been forthcoming. If it is the former, then there is something definitely putrid about the department which is expounding the theories of education and yet neglects to take cognizance of a situation right in its own "back yard". If it is the latter, then we can only say that such people as put anything before the welfare of the students, have no business teaching either here or anywhere else.

These facts reveal that there is a definite need for a change in policy at Howard. What should be done will be taken up in an editorial in this column in the next issue of The Hilltop.

### How Many Chaperones Needed?

When the Howard Players leave the campus this afternoon for North Carolina and the third performance of "A Murder Has Been Arranged," there will be going along with them the dean of women and two of the matrons.

On the trip, there will be fourteen women. In the dormitories there are hundreds. On the trip, there will be three of the staff of supervisors of the women of the university. In the dormitories, there will be left two matrons.

It is not the intention of the Hilltop to criticize the policy of the office of the acting dean of women, but it does seem rather incongruous that the chaperonage of fourteen women should take precedent over the chaperonage of all of the rest of the women in the dormitories. Not only that, but it seems rather unfair to burden the student organization with the additional costs of transportation for two additional individuals.

## Student Opinion Poll

In keeping with a nation-wide survey of student opinion upon the American college campus, the Hilltop conducted, last week, a poll among the student body concerned with compulsory ROTC training.

Student reaction to the questionnaire was very animated, probably due to the war clouds which are now hovering over the civilized world as the result of the aggressive activities of the fascistic states. Opinion of the students are inclined toward the preference of optional military training rather than that of the compulsory brand.

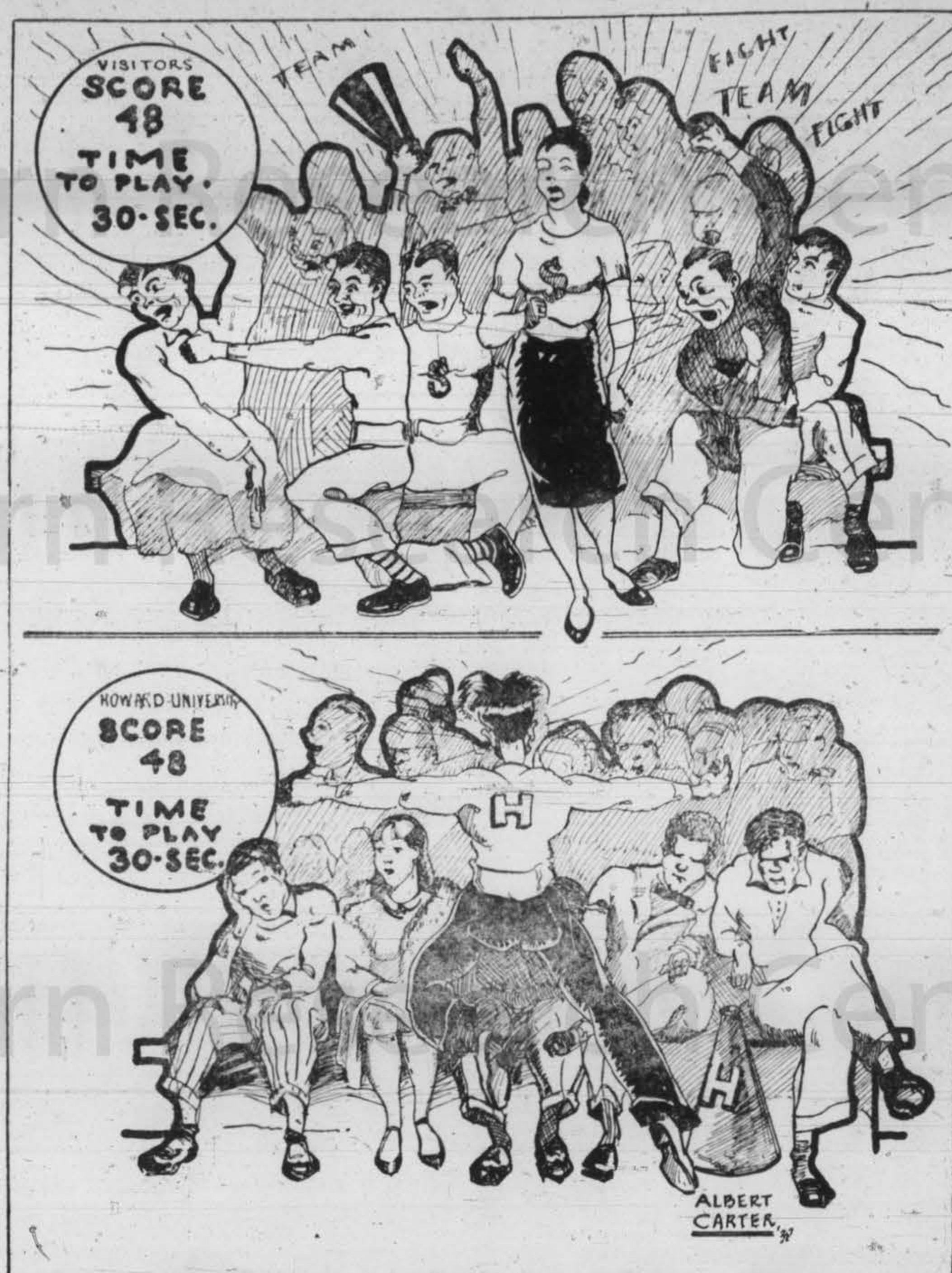
Fifty-four per cent of those questioned definitely were in favor of military training, but preferred it to be given on an optional basis as an opportunity for "those who wanted it to get it." Thirty-two per cent with varying degrees of intensity expressed the belief that compulsory military training should be carried on. The remaining 14 per cent were opposed to any form of military training whatsoever in the college curriculum.

The large majority of the optional believers expressed themselves as believing that military training was a good thing in that it not only afforded the nation with an adequate nucleus about which to build a large defensive force, but also allowed men who liked the disciplining of militarism a chance to make some money which would go a little way toward deferring school expenses. They opposed the compulsory angle, though, on the grounds that if a man is forced to do a thing, he will not derive the full benefits of the deed, and conversely that a person forced to submit to military training would lose most of the benefits to be derived from such training.

The 32 per cent who stood up for compulsory training advanced several reasons for their beliefs. The chief among these was that if the student knew before entering a college that military training would be required of him, he should register no complaint against it. Secondly, they advanced the theory that since the students were deriving the benefits of public funds, they should be willing to prepare themselves to defend that same public. The third and last of the major reasons given was that since the students of today will be the first called upon to fight in the next war, they should be prepared to go into conflict as officers rather than as privates pulled in by conscription.

The relatively small percentage of dyed-in-the-wool complainers numbered about a dozen conscientious objectors who are opposed to war or any sort of militarism. The balance for the most part, because of relatives or close friends who had felt the sting of past wars, feel that in the ROTC problem is crystallized the entire problem of offensive and defensive armament, and consequently the probability of the precipitation of the nations of the world into ghastly conflict.

## Not Timely, But True--



### We Know Spring is Here Because --

The time for elections draws near and campus cliques again loom into view. For the benefit of the freshmen, we give a few hints on what to do and what not to do insofar as elections are concerned. First, don't vote for a whole slate of candidates merely because your best friends or the particular fraternal organization in which you are interested endorses that slate. It is very unlikely that the whole group of candidates will be efficient. Second, look around the campus and find out who the candidates are, for usually there are several "dark horses" nominated to fill out the line-ups. Third, pick those persons whom you honestly feel are capable and good, whom you know have actively participated in campus affairs, and you will stand a ten-to-one chance of getting officers who will work. Fourth, make up your mind and vote the way you want to.

### Something to Think About --

Last week-end the American Youth Congress made its annual pilgrimage to Washington to see what could be done about substituting the American Youth Act for the National Youth Administration. The AYA would allot

more funds to needy youth than does the inadequate NYA. The first meeting was held Thursday night in our own chapel, and only a handful of Howard students was present. When you realize that most of the other students present had come for hundreds of miles to see what they could do and to use their influence to aid in passing the bill, it seems pitiful that Howard men and women couldn't come a few steps to lend their support. Incidentally, we should have jammed the chapel, for there are very few on this campus who could not benefit by larger appropriations for aiding students and other young people. Something Else to Think About--

### Something Else to Think About --

Since the turn of events in Europe over the week-end, it looks more and more like there will be another war. Whether or not this country will be in it, your columnist is not authority enough to say. But, for the benefit of those who did not hear Joseph Lash, president of the American Student Union, speak last Thursday, I will quote from his speech. "They talk to us about going to war to fight for our country and wonder why we continue to object to both Fascism and war. Well, when

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

March 10, 1938.

Dear Editor:

For the life of me, I cannot see why you allow such insipid letters to be published as two of the three which appeared in the last Hilltop.

It is quite obvious that the persons who wrote those letters were either poking fun or just plain fools. If you insist upon printing such, then you are as bad as the composers of the letters.

I am not a grouse, but merely hate to see an all too obvious waste of students' money.

Sincerely,  
INCENSED STUDENT.

Dear Editor:

I am most concerned over the series of broadcasts now being made by the Howard University men's glee club. One can truthfully say that this recent achievement of our glee club was a tremendous step forward not only to the men who comprise the organization, but also to Howard University.

I have listened to all the programs thus far, and have come to the conclusion that this "forward step" will have unfavorable repercussions not only to the men comprising the organization, but also to the university. This predicted "setback" will come as a result of the selections of songs that this organization uses in its broadcasts.

It seems to me that selections should be made that appeal to the average music lover. But the selections are such that the results are faulty interpretations--faulty due primarily to a lack of understanding on the part of the participants. Thus the average as well as the technical listener does not gain by the performance--thus adverse criticisms.

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## Among the Greeks

## Alpha Kappa Alpha

On Wednesday, March 16, at noon, the following girls were inducted into the Ivy Leaf Club of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority: Mary Turner, Lucille Carter, Jane Ann Dixon, Ruby Singleton, Hazel Brown Adams, Vivian Wilson, Joan Brown, Viola Duval, Harriet Brooks, Cora Holloway, Edwina Harris, Jean Jennifer, Dorothy Walker, Matgo Collins, Ruth Martin, Doris Carter, Doris Auter, Valentine Waddell, Theresa Atkins, Charline Owens, Beatrice Martin, Mabel Shippen, Leona Turner, Margery Mallory, Bernice Carney, Inez White, Melinda Averitt, Mae Parks, Beryl Lockhart, Perzelia Parker, Gratia Francis and Sylvia Raven.

## Alpha Phi Alpha

Beta takes this opportunity to express congratulations to those who have contributed commendable achievements during recent dates.

Brother President Edward L. Plummer has really done things during the past and indicates greater prospects for the forthcoming period of his administration. Beta enjoys a great rejuvenation of spirit and activity due to the efforts of this grand fellow.

Brother John C. Robinson proved his merit through his craftsmanship in the renovation of the chapter house.

Forums being presented under the supervision of Brother Arthur F. Carter are creating keen interest.

Thanks to Brother Elihu Morrison for the fine showing Beta is making in its social activities.

Beta takes this opportunity to extend sincere congratulations to Delta Sigma Theta sorors for their recent fine selection of young women.

Here's hoping that, by some ways and means, there will be created among us a better inter-Greek-letter spirit for the benefit of our school and people.

Look forward to BIGGER and BETA activities.

## Kappa Alpha Psi

The brothers of the mighty Xi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity are making all plans for the staging of their traditional social event, the annual Easter dawn dance.

The function this year will be held at the Murray Casino, beginning as usual at midnight Easter Monday morning. Polemarch Frank D. Reeves is promising the public one of the most gala of the long series of dawners.

## Omega Psi Phi

With the end of the winter semester, nine men were invited to join the Lampodas Club. The nine new men increased the membership of the pledge club of Alpha Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity to fifteen.

Eight of the men are from Howard University, while the ninth is a student of Miner. Howardites are James Hunter, Joshua Hyman, Jack Jones, Maurice Lawrence, John Marshall, Irving Washington, Richard Wells and Ernest Wilson. The Miner man is Frank Blackburn.

Officers of the club are Dennette Harrod, president; Eugene Chase, vice-president; Frank Blackburn, secretary, and Charles Wesley, treasurer. Other members are Albert Carroll, Emerson Williams and Otis Sprow.

The new pledges were initiated on the university campus Saturday, March 12.

## Letters to the Editor

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This criticism, while not coming from a technical expert, does come from one who feels that improvement lies in appealing to the average listener—in other words, selections within the laymen's realm of understanding and enjoyment.



"These Low Grounds"—by Waters Edward Turpin, Harper and Brothers, Publishers. New York, 1937, London.

A young Negro writer, Waters Turpin, has selected the relatively unheard-of areas of Eastern Shore, Maryland, as a locus for an interesting, epic novel.

The novel is live and readable. It traces a family of Southern Negroes through four generations of strife, turmoil, longing, hoping. The covering of the four generations does not, however, result in a hurried sketch tale. It forms a whole in that it displays through each of the generations revelations of the essential, deep-rooted hopes and longings that are manifested in the fiery, ambitious son-of-Martha, a shore girl, the great-grandson of another Martha who was valiant—that type of womanhood which "symbolized the link between present freedom and past conditions of slavery."

In the picturization of Carrie's life (Carrie, who was the only daughter of the first Martha and the mother of the second Martha), vivid flashes are shown of the life on the Eastern Shore of Maryland—proving as an oyster shucker being the basis for status in the society. The "big" event of the year was the oyster festival given by the owners of the oyster "plants" for the oyster workers at the close of the oyster season.

Turpin brings us the ideals and simple life of these people. He puts the picturesque and philosophical dialect of the Eastern Shore into his characters' speech.

Turpin is not thoroughly propagandistic. He fearlessly places a very interesting and somewhat national outlook upon Negro "up-stirrings." A lynching occurs in the Eastern Shore. Jimmy and the fiery son of the second Martha, becomes incensed—first because of the dastardly brutality of the lynching; second, because of the lack of concerted action on the part of the outraged group.

Ellen, Jimmy's sweetheart, expresses the gist of the entire novel by pointing out that American Negroes were, first of all, Americans, with the right to live as Americans. Theirs is not to shun the struggle, but to meet the battle with battle. Theirs is not to admit defeat, but to keep up the fight for a right to live; and in working, loving, surviving, finally dying, make an America that is truly the "land of the free and the home of the brave!"

The novel is thoroughly interesting; yet not fully and completely satisfying. It leaves the reader on edge with expectancy—possibly in that element of expectancy is found the genesis of hope.

FANNY M. JERNAGIN.

## Murder Done Again in Request-Performance

On Saturday, March 19, the Howard Players gave a return performance of the murder play, "A Murder Has Been Arranged." The performance was given as the result of the pressure brought to bear upon the directorate by public sentiment.

The cast of the play remained the same, turning in, if possible, an even more brilliant performance than that of the opening of the production.

Today the cast and crews, numbering twenty-six, are leaving the city for Greensboro, N.C., where they will present the play to the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College.

The trip into the Southland is being made as a part of the schedule of exchanges maintained by the National Intercollegiate Dramatic Association, of which Howard is a member.

Commonwealth College has no paid faculty.



MELVILLE G. CURRY.

Class of '88, addresses Charter Day guests at Howard University.

DRAMA!  
"THE HERO"

Time: 11:05 a.m., Saturday, March 12.

Place: Third floor, Douglass Hall. (As the curtain rises, there is a general hurried banging of doors by erudite scholars who are losing their professorial dignity in attempts to satisfy their curiosity bumps (and, mayhap, to quiet their fears). Classrooms are emptying their contents into the corridors which are filled with smoke; a crowd soon gathers around the waste shaft, from which cloudlets of smoke are escaping.)

Professor Twerp: "What on earth is the matter out here?"

First Student: "I don't know, Sir. I just got out of class (all rather timidly, although the source of trouble is as obvious as the bump on Twerp's nose)."

Prof. Oswald Twiddle: "Twerp, I do believe the carbon-laden air is issuing forth from this receptacle!"

Twerp: "So it is, so it is! Will someone open it? (He is standing two yards from the receptacle.)"

Second Student (who has just come out of Twerp's office): "Professor Twerp, your tele—(she sees the fire) o-o-o-oh, Prof. Twerp, fire, fire!" (She throws her arms about Twerp's neck.)

Twerp (strengthened by the confidence of the woman): "Stand back, everybody! I will open it!" (They all press forward and find that a cigarette butt has been thrown into a pile of rubbish.)

Twerp: "Don't go too close anybody! Let me get some water to throw on it!" (Dashes away and returns with drinking glass of water and douses the fire while crowd beams on the hero of the hour.)

The End.

## Behind the Front Page

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America becomes a place where every youth, regardless of color, race, nationality or creed, has an equal opportunity, when we no longer are faced with economic, political and social handicaps, when there no longer is oppression of minority groups, and when we have opportunity to go to school and get decent jobs, when America is truly a democracy, then there is an America we will fight for!"

H.A.C.

## Meeting of Spaniards

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Marguerie Davis, Florence Suggs, Jahe Anne Dickson, Thelma Truitt, Louise Jones, Harriet Brooks, Yvonne Grammar, Edwina Harris, Cora Holloway, Vanies Barrows, Vivian Dickinson, Dorothy Waller, Jesse Johnson, Marguerie Phillips, Robert Myers and Irving Washington.

## EXCHANGES

Yale University has received a bequest of \$500,000 to be used to further the study of good English.

Dr. Joseph M. Gwinn, of San Jose State College, believes the government should subsidize college marriages.

The University of Colorado next fall will offer a two-year course for the 53 per cent who spend only that amount of time in college.

A course concentrating on the life, times and principles of Abraham Lincoln is being planned by Lincoln Memorial University.

A prize of \$100 is being offered Princeton undergraduates for a new Tiger football song.

Johns Hopkins University has adopted a new policy of limiting the number of undergraduates enrolled.

Syracuse University has a new course for those who fail.

Experts estimate there are 4,000,000 youths between 17 and 24 unemployed.

In the last six-month period, Princeton University has received gifts totaling \$1,066,605.

The Virginia State corporation commission has issued a charter for the founding of Mount Vernon University.

The University of Washington has received a WPA grant of \$140,730 to "improve recreational facilities."

St. Paul, Minn., courts and charitable institutions will serve as the laboratory for College of St. Thomas sociology students.

John D. Rockefeller, who gave the University of Chicago more than \$34 millions, visited that institution only twice in his life.

The total cost per year for tuition, room and board at Harding College is but \$200.

At the University of California at Los Angeles 7,846 students drive to college daily in 4,654 cars.

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## THE DIVERSION

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Treasurer Jack Baynard—Coldly and intellectually following up argument against approval on grounds of purely technical nature.

Lucas—Supporting Washington invariably in the "divinely asinine coalition."

Bowman—Reading copies of "Flash!" and delving into complicated intricacies of a fascinating contest of tit-tat-toe.

Weddington—Aiding and abetting Bowman with the "ungodly intrigue."

Armstrong—The personification of saturnine indifference—exhibition of that calmness which accompanies either efficiency or mental deficiency.

Thompson—Jotting down notations on proceedings with far-away look of deep contemplation.

Brooks—Remaining silent and acting in a manner becoming a neophyte—learning diligently the procedure of Student Council filibuster.

Chairman Stewart—Being "immaturely mature"—dealing out priceless couplets of advice to fellow councilors.

A.K.A. Sorors  
Hold Candy Sales

The members of the Alpha Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority are selling candy toward the furtherance of their educational program. They are contemplating extending their sales to the realm of sandwiches and cookies.

Hearing this, the hungry mouths down the corridor in the suite of student offices have begun to moisten, and there is a very obvious tightening of belts and counting of finances.

Withal, all those who have no definite place at which to eat lunch, and those who often do not have the time to eat in any of the places located around Howard, are welcoming the opportunity to get sandwiches right on the campus.

A larger proportion of the Oglethorpe University faculty is in "Who's Who" than any other college in America.

American Student Union  
Answers Accusation Of  
Political Domination

To answer the charge of political domination of the American Student Union, the national committee of the American Student Union, meeting in Washington, upon a motion by Joseph P. Lash, the National Secretary and leader of the movement to drop the Oxford pledge, voted unanimously to recommend a national membership referendum on the peace policy adopted at the Vassar convention of the American Student Union.

The referendum will give the membership of the Student Union, estimated at 20,000 in 200 colleges and high schools, an opportunity to vote on the union's espousal, since the Vassar convention, of a policy of urging American cooperation in a policy of concerted economic action to strengthen world peace. It will likewise give the union membership an opportunity to vote on the Ludlow amendment, the proposed naval expenditures and the boycott of Japanese goods.

The proposal for a referendum was introduced by the leaders of the fight against an Oxford pledge policy at the Vassar convention. In their opinion the membership of the Student Union overwhelmingly approves this policy, and they are seeking this referendum in order to disprove assertions that the union's new policy is a result of Communist domination. Furthermore, it was the opinion of the national committee of the union that the referendum would help clarify the issues in the minds of the student body. The statement further declared that the policy adopted at Vassar on peace would be the policy of the Student Union until the referendum indicated whether or not the membership desired a change in this policy.

The dropping of the Oxford pledge by the ASU has created wide discussion upon the campus. The Student Union, as leaders of the student peace movement, has a much wider following than its paid-up membership might indicate. In the 1936 peace strike, which it organized single-handedly, a half million students participated. The union's offices are at 112 East Nineteenth Street, New York City.

The University of California has instituted a new course called "Public Opinion and Propaganda."

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## Spring Football Practice Begins

### Twenty-Seven Aspirants Greet Coach Payne At Initial Workout

Twenty-seven young huskies greeted head football mentor Harry R. Payne last Saturday, March 5, at the initial practice of a five-week Spring session. Not since the Spring of 1925 has a Bison football squad attempted a pre-season practice period.

Composed entirely of sophomores and freshmen, the squad exhibited lots of pep and spirit during the two-hour period of limbering up. The only experienced man present was the veteran end, Robert (Bobwhite) White, who will captain the Bisons in their 1938 grid warfare.

The team will practice on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Coach Payne will stress fundamentals, blocking, tackling and conditioning.

Perfect weather has marked the workout periods to date. The squad works indoors if the weather conditions prevent them from going through their paces out on the stadium. A regular game between two teams is scheduled at the close of the Spring training period.

With the loss of many veterans from last year's squad, the Bisons will need much strengthening at all positions. Practically all positions were stripped of lettermen at the close of the past season. Coach Payne may count only on big rough 195-pound Bob White. With Plummer, Armstrong, Anderson and Cochran gone from the ball-carrying corps, and "Bootsie" Williams, "Squat" Brooks, Hughes, Q. White and several others missing from the line, the Bisons will need much new material.

The football schedule, recently released by the Board of Athletic Control, is as follows:

September 24, Miner Teachers' College; October 1, Morgan; 8, Shaw; 15, Virginia State; 22, West Virginia State; 29, Cheyney; November 5, Hampton; 12, St. Paul; 19, open, and 24, Lincoln.

### "Choosing Life's Work" Theme of Bibliography

"Choosing Your Life Work" was the theme of the exhibit and special bibliography in Carnegie Library during the week of March 14.

The bibliography was planned for the student who wished to select the occupation best suited to his ability, interests and aptitude. The books were intended primarily for recreational reading, and were chosen for their attractive style and interest as well as for their worthwhile information. The bibliography was divided into three sections: books on how to choose your life's work, bibliographies of persons who have chosen wisely and pamphlets on specific occupations.

Books from the first section included "Women Professional Workers," by Elizabeth K. Adams; "College and Life," by Margaret E. Bennett; "The Colored Situation," by Fay P. Everett, and "Vocational Guidance and Education for Negroes," by Franklin J. Keller.

Among the bibliographies of persons who have chosen wisely appeared one by a member of Howard's faculty, "Negro Builders and Heroes," by Dr. Benjamin G. Brawley. Some others were "Madame Curie" and "Present Indicative," by Noel Coward.

Pamphlets on specific occupations included, among other works, treatises on banking, beauty culture, dietetics, farming, motion picture arts, police officers, teaching and waiting.

Pictures of prominent Negroes who undoubtedly have chosen their careers well included Eugene Kinckle Jones, executive secretary of the National Urban League.

Attend Student Council meetings regularly!



By HERMAN PHYNES

Coach Payne has his tracksters taking their exercising jaunts around the reservoir instead of the track because of the rainy spell. The boys are preparing for their first meet, which will be the CIAA relays at Hampton on April 23.

April 29 and 30 are the dates set for the Penn relays to be held at the University of Pennsylvania. At this event, there will be entrants from almost every college of repute in the United States.

Spring football practice has been called and the potential grid aces have answered the clarion. Harry Payne is introducing a new blocking system which is expected to be much more effective than that used in the past.

Howard's heavyweight hopes are beating the bags around in preparation for the CIAA tournament scheduled for the gymnasium March 25 and 26.

The Bison "rasslers," amidst the grunts and groans which accompany the racket, are twisting each other into forms which resemble pretzels in preparation for their bouts on the same dates.

It hardly seems true, but the tennis season is just about a month away. To prove it, according to the 1938 sports calendar, Howard's tennis courts are to be the scene of dual matches April 22 and 23.

Captain Bob White is setting a rather swell precedent for the men reporting for Spring training. He, along with the handful of regulars who have turned out so far, is taking a long step toward bringing football back to its former place here at Howard.

We notice that the boys are again bringing the bats and balls out of the winter's hibernation. Once more the campus is echoing to the breakings of ancient bones.

The Gridiron Club really got off to a good start with its swinger Saturday night.

Ben Smith will be hitting his peak about the time of the Penn relays, according to the grapevine; and then, they say, just watch Howard's quarter-mile express in action.

Bootsie Williams had to speak to the assembly at Cardozo High School on the subject of the influence which the ROTC has on adolescents in their development into upstanding men.

### EMBARRASSING MOMENTS

When the Harvard University music school sponsored a piano concert by Jesus Maria Sanroma a couple of weeks ago, they failed to inquire as to whether or not the Sanders Theatre on the campus had a piano—and as concert-time was about to be called they found it didn't.

Scouts were sent abroad to find one, returned in an hour with the news that the only one available was in Paine Music Hall. So 1,000 chagrined music lovers trudged across the yard in a blizzard, took new seats, heard the concert.

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## Wrestling, Boxing Tourney Slated

### Sadly Depleted H.U. Squad To Face Hampton, Smith Among Other Teams

The fourth annual CIAA boxing and wrestling tournament will be held in the Howard University gymnasium Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26. Seven conference squads—Hampton, Johnson C. Smith, Lincoln, Morgan, North Carolina State, Virginia State and Howard—will comprise the competing aggregations.

Howard's squad was sadly depleted by mid-year examinations. A single veteran, heavyweight Washington Garner, senior from Paris, Ky., returns to augment any hopes which the Bisons might have of winning the title.

Lincoln's 1937 co-champions, boasting a strong array of veteran ring performers, is expected to pace the field. Hampton always presents a classy squad, and this year will find them right up there with the leaders. Morgan is the dark horse of the entire tournament.

This year marks the fourth year of boxing and wrestling in the CIAA. Howard captured the championship in 1935, but was forced into the field during the subsequent years of competition.

### Students, Teachers Praise W.P.A. Theatre

"...one-third of a nation..." a documented and dramatic attack upon the housing problem produced as its fifth Living Newspaper by the WPA Federal Theatre project in New York City, is being acclaimed by students and teachers as a powerful new educational force.

For decades, sociologists have been warning America of the evil effects of bad housing upon the millions who inhabit the slums of town and country. The slum has been called the pest-house in which a thousand dangers incubate to spread throughout the national life. Slum-dwellers themselves know the conditions of their home-life, but few of them have known the history of slums, their causes, and how to eradicate them. Nor have the more fortunate known this. In "...one-third of a nation..." the Federal Theatre cuts through the darkness of ignorance with a glaring spotlight and brings into sharp focus the plight of sixty million Americans forced to live in dwellings below the minimum standards of decency.

Reported of great value by the metropolitan critics and the school and college press, "...one-third of a nation..." has been seen by more than 10,000 New York students in the first month of its run at the Adelphi Theatre. High school teachers have taken entire classes to see the production, and student organizations have bought out the whole house for theatre parties.

From outside New York, such colleges as Smith and Mount Holyoke are sending large groups of students on special field trips to see "...one-third of a nation..."

Teachers consider it so effective an educational instrument that the Federal Theatre has prepared a study guide on housing based on material gathered by the project's research staff and related to the newsdrama.

The Consumers' Counsel Division, A. A. A. Washington, announces that subscriptions are free to "Consumers' Guide", a 20-page magazine issued every two weeks.

## Everybody's Business

By THE HAMMER

That bit in last week's slam session seemed to bridge the gap between the Weaver and the Aiken. Mary Steele, after a short turn in the infirmary, looking swell as ever. Andres hiding his face when the fellows mention the chill of a night on the steps near the library. Edgar Felton receiving the "bring it" order from der Fuehrer MasLinn. The cast of "A Murder" counting the seconds until the departure for A. and T., and counting on the sport. Gracie S. Bagley getting insulted over her middle initial. Carolyn and Barnett Rhetta taking in the vespers services together. Freddie Davison and Horace Randolph pulling up in chapel at the same services. Surprised everybody; but why?

Waldean and Bill hitting the regular together again. What a narrow one. Everybody getting up steam for the Spring elections. Yvonne Grammer getting several telephone calls from the same person. The romanticist always sends his cooings forth from the same place. Tim Dent disconsolate after the departure of Ward, and incidentally, our sympathy to the girl. Still listening to the tales about the celebrated magazine circulation at the Charter Day affair. Some of the biggies have gone into hiding.

Joe Fuggett and Johnnie Robinson doing duty—or was it duty?—at the nurses' home. Barnett seen coming out of Crandall at ten-ten. Do you like the interior decoration, my boy?

### Law Students Guests Of Faculty at Buffet

Students in the School of Law of Howard University were guests of the law faculty last Thursday night at a buffet supper held at the Capital Pleasure Club. The entire faculty and student body enjoyed to the utmost the impromptu entertainment offered by various students, the singing of Miss Jerri Scott, popular Washington torch-singer, and the faculty versus student bridge games.

Facilities for dancing being available, Miss Ollie M. Cooper, secretary of the school, and Misses Cassandra Maxwell and Florrie Willis, the school's only feminine students, enjoyed unbounded popularity with seventy or more dancing partners from which to select. Short speeches of gratitude were delivered by Joel Blackwell, chief justice of the court of peers, the student governing organization, and Lewis Barnes, president of the first-year class, after a substantial repast had been enjoyed by all present.

Members of the faculty include Dean William E. Taylor, Judges James A. Cobb and Nathan Cayton, Professors Leon A. Ransom, George E. C. Hayes, Bernard S. Jefferson, James H. Nabrit, Jr., W. Robert Ming, Jr., and Theodore Cogswell and Librarian A. Mercer Daniel.

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